

Year after year I have felt deeply mortified at my inability
to send a desired contribution to the Ann^e Anti-Sl^a Journal or
Fair. But a card of request ^{a supply of} for articles of more domestic & useful
character led me to bethink myself of an unfinished article which
has been carefully laid up from my quiltbox when it was common-
-est, connected with interesting associations connected with its history -
but laid aside at the time to accommodate caprice. I once handed it
out to my husband, and he so greatly admired it, that at his ear-
nest entreaty I promised to set about to complete it for his grati-
fication as soon as opportunity admitted. Which alas! never occur-
ed in his life time. Last winter, took it out its concealment and
as I was able resumed working upon it for my dear husband's
sake - As I was thus busied it occurred ^{to me} that if I lived to finish
perhaps it might not be rejected at the Table of domestic arti-
cles at your Fair. if I c^d be assured of its being accepted from me
as a proof of my good-will - with that of dear deceased husband
I sh^d be proud to send you finished or unfinished as life &
ability ^{at life} may admit. I have been desirous of consulting Bro: Geo:
& Sister Catherine's opinion respecting my project - but it is long
very long since they have been able to visit me on this lonely ^{or} ~~thorn~~
when I was down at Bensonville a little while ago I told Sister
Catherine my wish & project stating that if they w^d come up and
look at my counterpane I liked my piece of work I w^d endeavour
to pursue the completion of it with all the spirit & industry I
c^d command. It is a 'Star Spangled' piece. but no 'Stripes' in it.
Each Star is composed of seven sextigon pieces - enclosed ⁱⁿ ~~with~~ white
The center Star has my maiden name & birthplace written
on it. I please send me word if you w^d incline to have it sent
to you & I will endeavour to forward if possible for the next Fair.
In much love to you & all yours. with love to dear Mrs Southworth
as ever - affectionately & gratefully Anne Paul.

Mr Ames was sick four or five weeks before his death
 but we not allow his wearing apparel to be taken off him until
 the intercession of his amiable & only sister Mrs James who
 last prevailed. Mr A. had one sister & one bro: - whom I once
 had the pleasure of being introduced to by Mr A. himself.
 his bro: had just returned from a tour through Europe when
 Mr A. did me the favor of a call on me at my boarding
 house, politely to enquire if I wished to visit N. Y. to be
 present at the Anniversaries & to be at the charges if I wished
 to go & to allow him the satisfaction he politely proposed
 but my health at the time was too feeble to journey. But
 when I went to England he made a handsome present at
 my departure. His last letter to me was rec^d whilst you
 & Mrs G. & family were at Bensonville & I suppose you saw
 it with the amt of inclosure. Poor man! I regret his loss.
 he was a friend of Reforms & genuine Abolitionist & a quiet
 unostentatious Philanthropist: "Friends, hear & there -
 depart. Who hath not lost a friend?" Every kind &
 sympathizing stroke I rec^d in May, from your old &
 attached friend Gerrit Smith with an enclosure of ten
 dollars - informs me of his poor & very infirm health with
 that also, of dear Mrs Smith's who has been some time
 in the city of N. Y. under Medical treatment. I am
 thankful to learn from bro: George that your own
 personal health has been somewhat better than usual
 this summer, at which I sincerely rejoice especially
 when I consider the stormy atmosphere with which
 you have been enveloped! But your life is invaluable
'till your work is done; Watch God!
 Another word, before I end my tedious broken colloquy -

Some of us must be content to wait the planets of fortune
fame, if fame we wish - however we may be sure our names
will survive our existence on Earth & I believe posterity will
do us ^{the} justice denied to us here. It is true, I have not been publicly
abused as you have been - but it is because my sex alone has
prevented. I have been visited with much of secret malice
persecution and that I have not more than once been con-
signed to end my afflicted days in the parish-poor-house
of God's mercy & not because efforts, & evil minds w^d not
had it so. Thank God, through all my afflictions, I have not
left destitute of needful necessities - My wants have been sup-
plied up to this day & I have still fifty dollars in Bro.
B.'s hand which I had, for the first time, the opportunity of
giving him proof of my confidence & respect for him - And
glad sh^d I be if existing circumstances admitted my doing
of declining to take a cent of it back again. I was carried
down to Bensonville a week or two ago & spent an interesting
day with dear Bro. & Sister Benson - at which time I told them
the different presents I had rec^d from old friends in
England, of which Bro. George can tell you, or I w^d, that I
might have the satisfaction of telling my beloved friend
Southwick - I have kind friends in Northampton who have
been made fully acquainted with my Principles, & the reasons
which brought me here. I am not here in disguise - and if
was well understood what kind of blood has been tran-
-mitted into my veins from the long line of noble-souls
ancestors I have privileged to descend from, for more than
two centuries identified with the struggles of Nonconformity
& Religious Freedom & heaven-born Philanthropy - would I
wonder that I come here cheerfully & self-sacrificingly to
the call of duty, of which I am fully satisfied & cheerful
with results.

I am sorry to inform you of the declining state
of our excellent Scotch friend Wm. A. Tweed - Duke of Albany
a letter I recently rec^d from him betrays the secret of his feel-
-ings. His mind is peaceful & he anticipates with Christian
hope a release from the turmoils of Earth. Mr. T. D. has infor-
me of the demise of our respected friend Julius R. - of Albany.
A noble-minded Philanthropist & a Gentleman
fine literary taste & talents - his execution

secured the approbation of an approving conscience before
God. It is enough! Nor do I regret the toils the privations
the sacrifices the stigma's & reproaches it has continually
ensured to me - I regret none of all these! and now
that the conflict is nearly closed & the warfare as far
as I am personally concerned. I rejoice & thank God, for
the Grace communicated which has enabled me to hold
fast my Integrity & Principles firmly & unflinchingly
to the last. The ultimate results of this Mighty Struggle
in Defence of Truth & Righteousness - in which Infinite
Wisdom has appointed you to act so prominent a
part will end in the achievement of a Glorious Victory! I
may not linger here long enough to witness it but I trust
that you & dear bro: George may! Therefore be encouraged
to gird on your righteous armour afresh to the combat in
which you have so nobly engaged and so unflinchingly &
disinterestedly pursued and an unending wreath of glory
shall encircle your brow when the vile Oppressor and
the Tyrant shall rot in oblivious extinction! It is true -
that my feeble mind has been incapable of accompanying
you fully in every ^{& as touching} innovation & in all your diversified mea-
sures of Reforms - But my entire confidence in the recti-
tude of your Principles & aims as a Christian Philanthropist
& Reformer has remained the same firm & unchanged from
the first. And I feel to thank God that it has been my sa-
tisfaction to have known you at home & familiar that I
have not been amongst the many - who tho' excellent
ones, who have erred in doing you injustice through ignorance
& prejudice alone.

Society to such a notorious extent. I need not say to you my fr^d that Mr Paul was incapable of duplicity on any subject whatsoever! especially on a vital one - In justice to my beloved & much respected husband, I have ^{indignantly} uniformly spurned the insinuation when presented, as contemptible & unworthy altogether. And have ever wished it to be fairly understood in American circles that I came hither understandingly and under a solemn conviction of duty that I was called upon by every solemn consideration of Religion & Crushed Humanity in any individual person to witness against so enormous & disgraceful & inconsistent an outrage ~~marking~~ marking a country of High Pretensions & Professions. Let it my dear bro: Garrison be understood when I am gone to participate the "rest" my endeared Nathaniel enjoys - that in no respect have I been the victim of a despicable duplicity - save the difference which is of necessity seen between "Poetry & Reality" - neither have I appeared here - veiled & masked - My Principles & my uniform conduct invite enquiry & fair investigation. I have sought no concealment at any time - or on any point. I have had the gratification of knowing that my genuine character preceded my entrance of the country - and that in the circles in which I was familiar in my much loved native country, I am still remembered by the most gratifying demonstrations of affectionate regard & respect. To "insult" American Society (as I have been accused of) was not any part of my object in appearing among you - but rather, as God is my witness - to invite you by my conduct, to the consideration & formation of a more consistent Christian Reformatory course. If I have failed to succeed in my wishes. I leave at least

I w^o^d gladly transcribe & correct the blunders of my poor sketch
was equal to the task which I really overtook - this has been
written at intervals as I felt able. But I know your skill to
decipher the almost illegible & blundering & your kind feeling
that alone true friendships I trust I call - who undertakes to

"O Lord that alone true
have my faults & all."

do not know Thomas Pauls address. 1020 -

Respectful & dear friend
Please send to the note enclosed 2 Bank
Post Office & oblige yours &c. &c.

I have
 been
 absent
 from
 the
 land
 at
 large
 (Mrs. Anna
 Paul to
 W. L. Garrison)
 Transpired from bro. G. B. told me that "you purposed
 writing me. But alas! I have hitherto, waited in vain the

desire gratification - till I feel, that, "Hope deferred maketh
the heart sick." And now, my dear bro: with my proper rest-

ing on my lap (Being unable to elevate my hand to write at the table from the greatly increased lameness of my poor right arm.), I am desirous of saying a few words on paper to you.

before I am constrained to lay down my pen for ever; of which
even present threatening symptoms I cannot but be strongly
suspicious will probably be the case.

As in the Providence of God it so occurred that you became personally acquainted with myself & family connections prior to my coming to this country as the bosom companion of your frnd Nathl^l Paul, and have not been altogether unacquainted with my course of conduct since I became an undesired inhabitant of the American Continent, and which has indisputably subjected me to the censure of what the world, w^d be pleased to denominate "Self-sacrifice" whether the term be a legitimate term or not, which, I confess, sometimes to question as lawful, ^{in cases} where duty is concerned, As since his decease, I have learnt, that unjustifiable suspicions to my husband's honour as a man & especially as a Christian Philanthropist were entertained of his having deceived me in reference to a wicked & corrupt public sentiment with respect to color which obtains in America